



February 24, 2021

Director
Office of Child Care
330 C Street SW, 4th floor
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear OCC Director,

This letter describes how Nome Eskimo Community (NEC) plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- NEC plans to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services through our Relative Child Care Program, including child care subsidy assistance while waving co-payments. Prioritizing health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- NEC plans to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to tribally approved relative child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- NEC plans to use CCRSA funds to update cleaning and sanitation equipment for our Youth Services building and Trigg Hall space to be able to provide a safe clean environment for children when operating our Outdoors Club with guidance from State and local health departments and CDC. Which will include updating dishwashers, hands free faucets, soap machines, sanitizer stations.
- Distribute care packages full of cleaning supplies to providers.
- Distribute sanitation supplies for families to use in their car to sanitize children's hands and belongings before entering their providers facility, thermometers to take children's temperature before going to care.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- NEC plans to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health

emergency by offering mini grants to tribally approved relative providers and the Nome Preschool.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- NEC is waiting for further guidance to address and create assistance for Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic.

5. Other

- Minor Renovation: Hand washing sinks, install washers and dryers.
- Possible Construction & Major Renovation to construct additional classrooms to allow for smaller group sizes and physical distancing.

Nome Eskimo Community will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at tiffany.martinson@necalaska.org. Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

/s/

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